GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department – Re-constitution of an Expert Committee to prepare a consolidated report in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19.02.2024 in W.P.(C) No.1164/2023 – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 55 Dated: 01-08-2025

Read the following.

1. Interim order dated 19.02.2024 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P.(C) No.1164 of 2023 in the matter of Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, IFS (Retd.) Vs UoI and others.
2. Govt.Memo.No.599/Sec.II/2024/2385230, dated 19.07.2024.
3. Order dated 04.03.2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P.(C) No.1164 of 2023 in the matter of Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, IFS (Retd.) Vs UoI and others.
4. From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-22021/6/2024-WLR-1, dated 15.05.2025.
5. G.O.Ms.No.42, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept., dated 23.05.2025.
6. G.O.Ms.No.43, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept., dated 23.05.2025.
7. E-file bearing No.REV02-25022/4/2025-CC-CCLA (Computer No.2888225) received from the Revenue Department on 07.07.2025.
8. Govt.Memo.No.7513/Section-II/2011/29410, dated 14.07.2025.
9. From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-22021/6/2024-WLR-1, dated 21.07.2025.

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ORDER:

In the G.O.5th read above, the Government have issued orders constituting an Expert Committee consisting of the following members to submit a comprehensive report to the High Level Committee, in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Dt. 19.02.2024 in WP(C) No.1164/2023.

1	Additional Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (ACCLA)	Chairman
2	Commissioner of Survey and Land Record.	Member
3	Addl.PCCF/CCF I/c WLR, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.	Member-Convener
4	Commissioner, Tribal Welfare.	Member
5	MD, APSRAC	Member
6	Representative of National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad.	Member
7	Any other member/members co-opted by the Committee as per the need.	Member

2. In the letter 9th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposal for reconstitution of the Expert Committee taking into consideration of the circumstances reported by the Revenue Department in this regard.

3. Government, after examination of the proposal for re-constitution, hereby re-constitute the Expert Committee comprising the following members, to submit report in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19.02.2024 in W.P.(C) No.1164/2023.

1	Special Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department.	Chairman
2	Special Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.	Member
3	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur.	Member-Secretary
4	Chief Commissioner of Land Administration.	Member
5	Addl.PCCF (CAMPA& FCA), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.	Member
6	Commissioner, Tribal Welfare Department.	Member
7	Commissioner, Horticulture Department.	Member
8	Commissioner, Rural Development Department.	
9	VC & MD, APSRAC	Member
10	Representative from National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad.	Member
11	Chief Conservator of Forests (Res. & IT), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.	Member

4. The above Committee shall submit a comprehensive report on the following points within a period of **one (1) month from the date of issue of this order.**

i. Identify all areas which are "Forest" irrespective of whether they are so notified, recognized or classified under any law, and irrespective of the ownership of land of such forest.
ii. Identify areas which were earlier forest but stand degraded, denuded or cleared land.
iii. Identify areas covered by plantation trees belonging to the Government and those belonging to the private persons.
iv. Any other item in light of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the W.P.(C) No.1164/2023 in the matter of Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma Vs. Govt. of India.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The PCCF & HoFF, Mangalagiri, Guntur.
All the members through the PCCF & HoFF, A.P.

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The OSD to CS to Govt.
The PS to Spl.CS to Govt., EFS&T Dept.
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